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GENEVA FOR CSCE

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1. HIGHLIGHTS. TUESDAY MORNING PAPERS FEATURE PRESIDENT'S
NEWS CONFERENCE, ALSO FRONTPAGE HAIG NAMED NATO COMMANDER.

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NOTHING NOTED ON DEPARTURE US DELEGATIONS. LITTLE COMMENT.

1A. INSIDE PAPERS REPORT SCHMIDT EXPECTS CSCE SUMMIT; ALSO US AWAITS INDIAN PLEDGE THAT NUCLEAR FUEL WILL NOT BE USED FOR EXPLOSIONS. WASHPOST VIENNA REUTER REPORTS IAEA CALLED ON WORLD'S NUCLEAR POWERS TO ACCEPT OUTSIDE INSPECTION WHEN MAKING TESTS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. BRIEF NYTIMES DENVER AP REPORTS US HAS STARTED DESTROYING 189 TONS OF NERVE GAS, ALSO BOMBS. NEWSWEEK HAS SALT ARTICLE.

1B. SUNDAY BALTSUN HAD PARKS MOSCOW REPORTING US IS SHELIVING TEST PACT, ALSO TREWHITT WASHINGTON ON SALT IMPASSE.

2. CSCE. WASHPOST GOSKO BONN REPORTED SCHMIDT HINTED THAT CSCE WILL END IN NEXT FEW MONTHS AND BE FOLLOWED BY A SUMMIT MEETING EARLY 1975 IN HELSINKI. COMMENT CAME AFTER SCHMIDT AND OTHER WGERMAN OFFICIALS CONCLUDED TWO

DAYS OF TALKS IN BONN WITH GROMYKO. SCHMIDT ALSO SAID HE AND GENSCHER WILL VISIT MOSCOW IN LATE OCTOBER TO DISCUSS BILATERAL QUESTIONS SUCH AS TRADE AND TECHNOLOGICAL EXCHANGE, ALSO CSCE AND MBFR.

2A. BALSUN OISHI BONN SAID SCHMIDT'S OPTIMISTIC VIEW OF THE CONFERENCE SEEMED TO INDICATE A NARROWING OF EAST-WEST DIFFERENCES AND LIKELIHOOD THAT BONN WOULD SUPPORT SOVIET INITIATIVE IN CALLING FOR CONCLUSION OF CSCE.

2B. NYTIMES WHITNEY BONN SIMILAR, NYTIMES WASHINGTON UNSIGNED SAID US OFFICIALS SEE NO PROGRESS AT CSCE ON ISSUE OF IMPROVING FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT BETWEEN EAST AND WEST, BUT FAVOR QUOTE EARLY TERMINATION UNQUOTE OF THE CONFERENCE SO AS NOT TO DELAY OR INTERFERE WITH NEGOTIATIONS OF OTHER EAST-WEST PROBLEMS.

3. TEST PACT. SUNDAY BALTSUN FRONTPAGED PARKS MOSCOW REPORTING US HAS ADVISED SOVIET UNION IT WILL NOT SEEK SENATE RATIFICATION OF THE PARTIAL BAN ON UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS UNTIL SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS ARE REACHED, ACCORDING SOURCES IN MOSCOW, PARKS ADDING UNCLASSIFIED

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WASHINGTON'S INTENTION IS TO PUT PRESSURE ON MOSCOW TO AGREE ON STRICT CONTROLS FOR NONMILITARY NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS, PARTICULARLY ON THE HIGHLY SENSITIVE ISSUE OF ON-SCENE OBSERVERS. ACCORDING PARKS, KREMLIN HAS BEEN TOLD FORD ADMINISTRATION FEELS IT WILL FACE DIFFICULTY IN WINNING RATIFICATION OF UNDERGROUND PACT WITHOUT THE ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS WHICH WERE ENVISIONED BY THE TREATY AND PROTOCOL SIGNED BY NIXON AT MOSCOW THIS SUMMER. PARKS

SAYS A SERIOUS FIGHT OVER TREATY, WHICH ALREADY HAS BEEN CRITICIZED BY BOTH CONSERVATIVES AND ARMS-CONTROL ADVOCATES, COULD HARM CHANCES FOR NEW ARMS AGREEMENTS AND FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IN RUSS-AMERICAN RELATIONS, ACCORDING TO WASHINGTON'S WARNING TO MOSCOW. PARKS SEES STRONG INDICATIONS THAT THE AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS ANNOUNCED BY KISSINGER AT CLOSE OF MOSCOW SUMMIT HAS BROKEN DOWN BEFORE IT COULD BE WORKED OUT IN DETAIL, PARKS CITING RUSSIAN STATEMENTS IN GENEVA AND NEW YORK THAT ON-SITE INSPECTIONS AT PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS REMAIN UNACCEPTABLE TO SOVIET UNION, AND WASHINGTON HAS DECIDED IN ANTICIPATION OF SEPTEMBER KISSINGER-GROMYKO TALKS IT SHOULD TAKE A HARDER LINE, AND SOME MOSCOW DIPLOMATS FEEL THIS REFLECTS FORD'S VIEW OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND KISSINGER'S ASSESSMENT THAT THE AMERICAN BARGAINING POSITION HAS IMPROVED WITH NIXON'S DEPARTURE. PARKS CITES A MOSCOW SOURCE SUMMING UP THE AMERICAN ARGUMENT SAYING: IF THIS TEST TREATY IS NOT TO

FOUNDER IN WASHINGTON POLITICS THERE MUST BE IRONCLAD SUPPORTING AGREEMENTS IN ADVANCE OF ANY SENATE DEBATE, PARKS ALSO MENTIONING EXCHANGE OF GEOLOGICAL DATA NEEDED TO AID THE SEISMIC MONITORING OF EACH OTHER'S TESTS.

4. SALT. SUNDAY BALTSUN HAD LONG TREWHITT PIECE ON SALT IMPASSE, SAYING OPENING FLOURISHES AT GENEVA WILL QUICKLY FADE INTO STALEMATE. ACCORDING TREWHITT, HOWEVER, JOHNSON WILL NOT BE CARRYING AN EMPTY BRIEFCASE TO GENEVA SINCE ADMINISTRATION HAS SCRAPED TOGETHER A CREDIBLE HOLDING POSITION FOR HIM, ALTHOUGH IT DOESN'T HAVE A LARGER DESIGN FOR THE TALKS, AND ANY SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS MUST WAIT FOR KISSINGER'S LATE-OCTOBER VISIT TO MOSCOW. TREWHITT SAYS THAT AT SALT TWO MUCH WILL DEPEND ON UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESIDENT FORD'S DECISION AS TO WHETHER US HAS GIVEN SOVIETS AN EASY RIDE FOR TOO LONG AND WHETHER THE TRAUMA OF CORRECTING COURSE WOULD BE TOLERATED AT HOME, YET IT IS DOUBTFUL WHETHER THE ISSUES CAN BE SETTLED WITHIN THE TWO YEARS KISSINGER HAS MENTIONED AS THE TIME AVAILABLE TO PREVENT A RUNAWAY ARMS RACE.

4A. NEWSWEEK HAS ARTICLE, HOW MUCH SUGAR IN THE SALT? ACCOMPANIED BY ILLUSTRATIVE DIAGRAMS OF MIRVS ON PRE-DETERMINED COURSES AND MARVS CHANGING TARGETS IN COURSE OF FLIGHT, ALSO NOTING USSR HAS 11 NUKES FOR EACH MAJOR AMERICAN CITY WHEREAS US HAS 36 NUKES FOR EACH MAJOR SOVIET CITY. ARTICLE STARTS WITH KISSINGER STATEMENT THAT UNLESS SALT REACHES AGREEMENT ON OFFENSIVE ARMS, NUCLEAR POSSIBILITIES WILL SOON EXIST THAT WERE UN-

IMAGINABLE 15 YEARS AGO. ARTICLE SAYS DEBATE WITHIN ADMINISTRATION IS SO INTENSE FORD HAS BEEN UNABLE TO MAKE FINAL DECISION ON US POLICY, ONE OFFICIAL SAYING: SALT IS IN TROUBLE. QUESTION IS HOW CAN GENEVA FRAME A PACT THAT WILL SLOW THE CURRENT PACE OF ARMS DEVELOPMENT. ARTICLE SAYS RUSSIANS HAVE SHOWN NO WILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE IN SALT TALKS, AND MANY AMERICAN EXPERTS CONCLUDE RUSSIANS HAVE DISCARDED IDEA OF PARITY IN FAVOR OF NUCLEAR DOMINANCE AND PERHAPS EVEN A FIRST-STRIKE CAPABILITY. PROBABLY WILL BE NO FINAL DECISION IN KISSINGER-SCHLESINGER DEBATE UNTIL KISSINGER'S MOSCOW TRIP AND THERE ARE SIGNS MOSCOW, TOO, WILL MERELY TREAD WATER IN EARLY WEEKS AT GENEVA.

5. SCHLESINGER. NEWSWEEK'S PERISCOPE SAYS SCHLESINGER IS CLAMPING DOWN ON PRESS LEAKS, TELLING MILITARY AND CIVILIAN LEADERS AT PENTAGON HE DIDN'T WANT TO READ ANY MORE NEWS STORIES REVEALING DEFENSE STUDIES OF POSSIBLE BUDGET CUTS AND COMMAND REORGANIZATIONS, LEAKS OF

RUSSIAN ARMS SALES TO THE MIDEAST OR SOVIET MISSILE DEVELOPMENTS.

6. COMMENT. TUESDAY NYTIMES AND BALSUN HAVE EDITORIALS ON BRUTAL DESTRUCTION OF NONCONFORMIST ART SHOW IN MOSCOW AND SAYING THIS TYPE OF THUGGERY DASHES UNCLASSIFIED

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